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## **DIRECT LIAISON AUTHORIZED (DIRLAUTH)**

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Direct liaison authorized (DIRLAUTH) is defined as **“that authority granted by a commander (any level) to a subordinate to directly consult or coordinate an action with a command or agency within or outside of the granting command.”**

DIRLAUTH is more applicable to planning than operations and always carries with it the requirement of keeping the commander granting DIRLAUTH informed. DIRLAUTH is a coordination relationship, not an authority through which command may be exercised. DIRLAUTH is most appropriately used to streamline communications and operations between tactical elements without relinquishing command by the higher authority.

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